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NOTES TO

TO MY ONLY NIECE,

CAROLINE SARGENT GREEN,

AND TO MY ONLY NEPHEW,

WILLIAM LAWRENCE GREEN,

CHILDREN OF MY ONLY BROTHER,

THIS ACCOUNT OF SOME OF THEIR ANCESTORS IS AFFECTIONATELY
INSCRIBED BY THEIR "UNC."

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OF

PERCIVAL AND ELLEN GREEN,

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IN a list of early emigrants, who were "to be transported [from London] to New-England imbarqued in the *Suzan & Ellin* EDWARD PAYNE M^r:" April 18, 1635, are the names of—

A Husb:man Percivall Greene	32
<i>uxor</i> Ellin Greene	32

who came to this country with two servants. They were of Cambridge in 1636, and were both members of the church. He took the freeman's oath, March 3, 1635-6, his name being spelled in the list Passevell Greene. In the town records, it is written Perceiveall, and in the church records, Persevell. He owned a house, situated near the north-east corner of the present Holmes Place, on the north side of the Common, where he died December 25, 1639, leaving two children. His widow afterwards—about 1650—married Thomas Fox, said to be a descendant of the historian of the martyrs. She died May 27, 1682, aged 82, according to her tombstone. In the year 1691, there was a lawsuit between the grandchildren of Percival Green on the one side, and Thomas Fox on the other, to recover

the old homestead which had belonged to their grandfather, and which was then in the possession of Fox, who succeeded in keeping it. (See page 29.) The following agreement may have affected the decision of the case : —

24 (3) 1650. 24th of the 3^d month 1650.

The Agreem^t made betweene Tho: ffox & Ellen his wife that now is, is this. Thomas ffox doth bind himselfe his heires and Assignes to pay ten pounds apiece unto the two children of the s^d Ellen Greene, w^h she hath given them, at theire compleate of one & twenty yeares the boy, but the girle is to receive them at eighteene yeares of age, & this to be payd in good country pay, & likewise doth give liberty to the s^d Ellen Greene to dispose of ten pounds more at the day of her death, as she thinks good. flurther it is agreed by both pties before witnes.

THOMAS FFOXE	witnesses {	JOHN BRIDGE	
his marke X		THOMAS BRIDGHAM	his m ^x ke
		GREGORY STONE	

The Estate of Pearcivall Greene the first husband of the s^d Ellen Greene his house land & goods: the Inventory thereof come to sixty three pounds.

This writeing was acknowledged by the aboves^d Thomas ffox & Ellen his wife in the p^{re}sence of us

SAMUEL SYMONDS
THOMAS FFLINT

It is supposed that Percival Green was the brother of Bartholomew Green, who settled at Cambridge in 1633, and who now has many descendants in Connecticut. I have in my possession "A Distick Occasion'd by y^e marriage of M^r Robert Hosmer Son of y^e Rev^d M^r Stephen Hosmer of East Haddam & Mary Green the only Daughter of Timothy Green of N. London, (October y^e 31st 1745.) compos'd by her Father." It is in manuscript, and was evidently written at or near the time of the marriage. It has come down with other family papers; and if, as is probable, it was a present from the author, one of Bar-

tholomew's descendants, to one of Percival's, this would show at least an acquaintance between the two families. I have seen the name Percival Green, certainly once, in the records of a church at Middletown, Connecticut.

AUTHORITIES. — List of Emigrants, 62 ; N. B. Shurtleff, Mass. Records, I. 371 ; J. Farmer, Gen. Reg. 129 ; W. T. Harris, Epitaphs, 10, 22, 167 ; J. Savage, Gen. Dict. II. 304 ; W. Newell, Cambridge Church Gathering, 57 ; Suffolk Probate Office, I. 118.

Second Generation.

The children of Percival and Ellen Green were : —

JOHN, born June, 1636, married, October 20, 1656, Ruth, daughter of Edward and Ruth (Bushell) Mitchelson, and died March 3, 1690-1. He and his wife were both members of the church in Cambridge. His father-in-law was marshal-general of the Colony, and he succeeded him, June 3, 1681.

John Greene is chosen Marshall Gennirall by the whole Court and tooke his oath the same day before the Gove^rno^r & Magistrates the third of June, 1681 : As attest

EDW^d RAWSON Se^cret

During the Andros usurpation in 1687, he was superseded in office by Samuel Gookin, but after the Revolution, two years later, he was reinstated, though apparently with some opposition.

The Gov^t & Councill have made choice of John Green to be y^e Marshall Generall for this Colony till other orders be taken ; desiring y^e consent of y^e Representatives hereto.

7 : 4 : 89^{mo}

Per order THO : DANFORTH.

Not consented to

attest per EBENEZER PROUT Ck

BOSTON. 15. August. 1689.

Mr John Green is appointed Marshall Generall of this Colony for p^rsent, & untill a further settlement.

Voted in the Affirmative by the Governo^r and magistrates.

IS^a ADDINGTON, Sec^{ry}

Consented to by Representatives

Dated as aboves^d

EBENEZER PROUT Clerk

An inventory of his estate was made April 4, 1691, by Walter Hasting and Jonathan Remington, when it was appraised at £85 16s. 6d. Among the items were "A House & Orchard wth y^e priviledge in y^e Towne Commons [£]20," and "Sixteen Acres of land on Cambridge Rocks, [£]14." The "Rocks" were on or near what is now called Wellington Hill.

ELIZABETH, born April, 1639, married, April 4, 1656, John Hall of Concord, and died February 14, 1713-4.

For an account of the Hall family, see "History of Medford," page 518.

Both these children, John Green and Elizabeth, were born at Cambridge.

AUTHORITIES. — W. T. Harris, Epitaphs, 19; J. Savage, Gen. Dict. II. 303; W. Newell, Cambridge Church Gathering, 60; General Court Records, V. 319; Mass. Archives, CVII. 85, 265; Middlesex Probate Office.

Third Generation.

The children of John and Ruth (Mitchelson) Green were: —

JOHN, born July 24, 1657. He was taken prisoner by the Turks in 1681. (See Russell's Diary, in "The New England Historical and Genealogical Register," VII. 51.)

He married, November 22, 1684, Mary, born April 10, 1665, daughter of Joseph and Mary Bradish. Their children were: *John*, born August 23, 1688, married, January 25, 1711-12, Elizabeth Corey, and had Joseph, born October 24, 1712; *Mary*, baptized June 26, 1698; *Sarah*, born June 12, 1701; also daughter *Hannah*, and perhaps others.

NATHANIEL, born September 25, 1658. He was living in 1691, but he was not mentioned in his brother Edward's will in 1696.

PERCIVAL, born March 29, 1660, and baptized April 1. He graduated at Harvard College in the class of 1680, — being the first of the name in the catalogue — and took the degree of A. M. in course. At a meeting of the Corporation of the College, March 6, 1677-8, it was ordered "that Percivall Green shall have three pound of Mr. Webbs [gift] for y^e year following." At one time he kept school in Roxbury. He was preaching as early as March 4, 1682, and, on the third of the next December, "Mr. Parcivalle Green (S^r B. A.) preached his first time in Cambridge." It is known that he preached a few times in Stow, Massachusetts. At a town meeting held there June 20, 1683, it was "ordered y^t there bee forthwith made a rate of five pounds for ye defraying of ye ministers charges for w^t is already disburst or expended also for the acomadating of Mr. Greene who hath given some incorridgmt to be helpful to us on y^e Lords Days as his ocations may p^rmitt." After John Buss left Wells, Maine, in 1683, Percival was the minister of that town, on a salary of £50 a year and the use of the parsonage. His ministry, however, must have been short, as in the old burying ground of Cambridge is this inscription: —

Qualis Vita, Finis ita.
 Here lyes inhumd y^e
 body of PERCIVALL
 GREEN who dyed July
 10th Anno Ætatis 25
 Annoq. Christi 1684.

The statement made inferentially, in the History of Wells and Kennebunk, pp. 168, 169, that Percival Green did not remain at Wells during the Indian troubles on account of his want of courage, is entirely without foundation. When the hostilities began in 1689, Mr. Green had been dead five years.

AUTHORITIES. — W. Newell, Cambridge Church Gathering, 60; W. T. Harris, Epitaphs, 12; Gen. Reg. VII. 55, 58; Harv. Col. Corp. Rec. I. 55, III. 69; J. Newell, Century Sermon, 16; Maine Hist. Coll. I. 264; J. Greenleaf, Sketches Eccl. Hist. Maine, 20; E. E. Bourne, Hist. Wells and Kennebunk, 168, 169.

RUTH, born November 25, 1661, married, November 18, 1685, Zechariah, born September 27, 1657, son of Zechariah and Elizabeth (Sill) Hicks of Cambridge. She died before 1704.

SAMUEL, born May 4, 1663, baptized May 10, and married, November 18, 1685, Elizabeth, born September 12, 1668, daughter of Joseph and Jemima (Belcher) Sill of Cambridge. He left two children, — *Samuel*, born probably in 1689, "a minor of sixteen years of age and upwards" in 1705, and *Elizabeth*. His will is dated July 23, 1692, and he died before 1696. His wife and the husband of his sister Ruth were cousins, and it will be noticed that they were married on the same day.

ELIZABETH, born April 22, 1665, baptized the next day, and married, January 8, 1682-3, Thomas Johnson.

EDWARD, born April 15, 1667, and baptized April 21. He was a shipmaster, and died, unmarried, in 1696. His will was made at sea, and was dated February 4, 1695-6. He may have died on board ship. (See page 35 for a copy of the will.)

THOMAS, born March 7, 1668-9. He was living in 1691, but he was not mentioned in his brother Edward's will made in 1696.

JONATHAN, born probably in 1671, was a housewright by trade. He is named in his brother Edward's will, dated 1696. The estate of Edward Mitchelson was conveyed to him in 1693, and sold three years afterwards to Joseph Coolidge. It was situated at the east corner of Holyoke and Harvard Streets, Cambridge.

BETHIAH, born January 20, 1673-4, married Joseph Hicks, baptized January 12, 1661-2. He was a brother of Ruth's husband. Bethiah died April 12, 1708.

JOSEPH, born November 24, 1675, and baptized the same day. He graduated at Harvard College in the class of 1695, and married, March 16, 1698-9, Elizabeth, daughter of the Reverend Joseph and Ann (Waldron) Gerrish of Wenham. He was ordained over the church at Salem Village, now Danvers, November 10, 1698. The churches of Salem, Beverly, Wenham, Reading, and Roxbury were represented on the occasion. His salary was £80 according to Fowler, £70 according to Rice, and £60 according to Hanson, and thirty cords of wood, *per annum*. He settled the difficulties connected with the witchcraft persecution, that had arisen during the ministry of "the wretched Mr. Paris," — as Savage calls him, — whom he succeeded. He introduced the Half-way Covenant, and baptized one

hundred and six adults, and five hundred and twenty-eight children. He was one of the ordaining council of Samuel Phillips at the south parish of Andover in 1711. His death took place November 26, 1715. The church-record declares him to be "the choyces flower and grenest olif tree in the garden of our Lord." His remains lie in the Wadsworth burial ground at Danvers, and a Latin inscription on his tombstone is still legible. He appears to have been highly esteemed, and his death was much lamented.

Mr. Green kept a diary which fortunately has been preserved, and is now in the library of the Essex Institute at Salem. It covers the larger part of the period of his ministry, though the entries are often far apart. It has been published in the "Historical Collections of the Essex Institute" (volume VIII. 91-96, 165-174, 215-224; volume X. part 1, 73-104), with notes and a biographical sketch of the writer, by Samuel P. Fowler. It has a good deal of interest and value, for it touches upon almost every question of social life at that time. From it we learn that he was fond of his garden, his orchard, his farm, and his sheep and cattle; that he liked hunting, and once killed eighteen pigeons at a single shot. He made a large quantity of cider, and probably considered it a wholesome drink.

The Reverend John Barnard classes him among the "men of learning; pious, humble, prudent, faithful, and useful men in their day." A sermon preached on the occasion of his death, by the Reverend Joseph Capen of Topsfield, was published, "with a Prefatory Epistle by Dr. INCREASE MATHER," and an Elegy and Epitaph by Mr. Noyes of Salem. Allen says, in his Biographical Dictionary, third edition, page 99, that a sermon upon his death was published by the Reverend Thomas Blowers, though I have not been able to find a copy. (See page 37.)

His wife survived him, and afterwards married the Rev-

erend William Brattle of Cambridge. She was born October 9, 1673, and died at Medford, May 22, 1747.

BENJAMIN, born August 13, 1677. He was living in 1696.

MITCHELSON, born March 14, 1680-1, and died October 21, 1681.

MARY, birth not recorded, but she is named in her brother Edward's will. Perhaps she was born before Mitchelson.

In Joseph's diary is this entry:—October 27, 1701, "Sister Mary Green married to Mr. Hunting." This was the Reverend Nathaniel Hunting, a graduate of Harvard College in the class of 1693. He was born November 15, 1675, and died September 21, 1753.

All the children of this generation were born at Cambridge.

AUTHORITIES.—J. W. Hanson, Hist. Danvers, 177, 230, 231; Essex Hist. Coll. I. 59, 60; Mass. Hist. Coll. X. 170; C. B. Rice, Hist. First Parish in Danvers, 65; J. Savage, Gen. Dict. II. 304; W. B. Sprague, Ann. Am. Pulpit, I. 273, III. 104; B. F. Thompson, Hist. Long Island, 194.

Fourth Generation.

The children of the Reverend Joseph and Elizabeth (Gerish) Green were:—

ANNA, born November 27, 1699, baptized December 3, and died August 8, 1725.

Mr. Bridgman, in his "Pilgrims of Boston," page 29, gives the inscription from "the half of a gravestone split longitudinally, thrown from the mouth of tomb, No. 107

(1809), where it has been for filling up, 12th July, 1850." I felt very sure that this was a part of the headstone from the grave of Anna Green; and one afternoon about five years ago I went into the Granary Burying-ground to look for it. Instead of finding it, however, I discovered the other half, — the left-hand side of the stone, — which Mr. Bridgman had not seen. Neither fragment is now to be found. The inscription is given below, and the longitudinal fracture is indicated by the line dividing the inscription.

HERE	}	LIES INTERRED Y ^E
BODY		OF MRS ANNA
GREEN	}	DAUGHTER OF Y ^E
REVEREND M		JOSEPH AND
MRS ELIZA	}	BETH GREEN
OF SALE		VILLAGE WHO
DEPARTED	}	THIS LIFE Y ^E 8TH
DAY OF AU		ST. ANNO DOMINI
172	}	AGED 25
YEARS AN		8 MONTHS.

— (stillborn), January 11, 1700-1.

JOHN, born December 22, 1701, baptized December 28, and graduated at Harvard College in the class of 1719. At one time he was a preacher and then a merchant, associated in business with his younger brother, Benjamin. (See page 45.) He was one of the subscribers to Prince's "Annals." In a copy of William Nadir's Almanac for 1743, that is full of manuscript notes, there is this entry set against the date May 15, "Bonner went over for London Jn^o Green passenger." It is very likely that Bonner was a sea-captain, and by a figure of speech his name was put for that of his vessel. John died at Batavia, probably in 1743, on his passage from England to Bengal.

JOSEPH, born December 12, 1703, baptized the same day, and married, December 28, 1727, Anna, daughter of Joshua

and Elizabeth (Hall) Peirce of Portsmouth, New Hampshire. He was a successful merchant in Boston, and owned in Hanover Street, where the American House now stands, a large estate which was bought by him in March, 1734, of Governor Belcher, for £3,600. He was associated in business with Mr. Isaac Walker, under the style of Green & Walker, which in their day was a well-known firm. Their place of business is described, in the warrant to the commissioners who were to divide the real estate of Joseph Green after his death, as "Fronting on Brattle Street, near the Rev^d M^r Coopers Meeting House."

In June, 1740, there were "surveyed for Mess^{rs} Joseph Green & Isaac Walker Merchants, Byfield Lyde, Esq^r [a son-in-law of Governor Belcher] & John Green [Joseph's brother] Merchant, eight thousand five hundred & seventy five Acres of Land lying on the South Branch of Contoocook River, taking in said River, & lyeth on the North Side of a Township laid out to Sam^l Harwood & others, known by the name of Peterborough, & butts South on it, which is laid out to satisfy a Grant of the Great & General Court made to the abovesaid persons 10 January 1739 to make up to them an Equivalent for Lands by them respectively surrendered to the Governm^t lying in the upper Housatannock, in order to accomodate the Indian Town now called Stockbridge." In January, 1742, Joseph Green bought his brother John's share, consisting of 1,800 acres, in this territory. It was afterwards known as the Green & Walker grant, and included land now lying in Heath and Rowe, Massachusetts. In the year 1756, he received a commission as a magistrate from Governor Shirley, and in 1761 one from Governor Bernard. He and Nicholas Boylston were trustees of £700 left by John Wheelwright to his son, Jeremiah Wheelwright; the will was proved, October 31, 1760. While the question of the issue of Writs of Assist-

ance was pending before the General Court, a memorial was presented, December 19, 1760, charging the members with appropriating to their own use some of the forfeited goods which of right belonged to the province. The name of Joseph Green is found among the memorialists, who were 58 in number, and included the most eminent merchants of Boston. He was one of a committee appointed in 1764 by the people of Boston to prepare such instructions for their representatives as the exigences of the times required. He took an active interest in the politics of his times, and gave his sympathy and support to the colonists in their questions with the British ministry. He died July 1, 1765. "In the midst of the stirring scenes now opened, the patriots lost one of their substantial supporters. This was Joseph Green, Esq., a merchant, who has been before mentioned in these pages." (See page 46 for a poem on the occasion of his death.) He and his younger brother, Benjamin, were the only ones of this generation that were married. His portrait by Copley is in the possession of the present writer. His widow, who was born September 10, 1702, died December 28, 1770, "after two days illness with the asthma and something of the paralytic kind." A short time before her death, Mrs. Green, who had become very infirm, rented her house to Dr. Joseph Warren, — afterwards the General, — and boarded with him, keeping to herself the two front rooms, and two servants.

AUTHORITIES. — C. H. SNOW, *Hist. Boston*, 248, 254; S. G. DRAKE, *Hist. Boston*, 436, 706; *Mass. Journal*, January 7 and 9, 1739-40, June 18, 1740; *Mass. Archives*, XXXI. 271-282; J. G. HOLLAND, *Hist. Western Mass.* II. 382; 419; A. T. PERKINS, *Copley's Life*, 62.

EDWARD, born December 1, 1705, baptized the next day, and died October 2, 1721.

ELIZABETH, born May 8, 1708, baptized the next day, and died July 23, 1732.

WILLIAM, born August 11, 1710, baptized August 13, and died March 24, 1739-40.

BENJAMIN, born July 1, 1713, baptized July 5, and married, November 24, 1737, Margaret Peirce, born June 25, 1714, a sister of his brother's wife. He was brought up in business with his brother Joseph, and afterwards "formed a connexion in trade with his brother John (who died on his passage to Asia), and he (Benj^a) continued in the mercantile line at Boston (N. E^d) until the year 1745, when the memorable New England Expedition against Cape Breton took place." He acted as secretary, with military rank, to Sir William Pepperrell. He remained at Louisburg, after its capture, filling several offices of honor and responsibility, until 1749, when he removed to Halifax, Nova Scotia, where he still continued in the public service. In the year 1757, he was appointed military secretary to the commander-in-chief of his majesty's forces, and colonel in the militia of Nova Scotia. He received at one time £1,500 for special services to the government. He died at Halifax in 1772, and his widow died in 1779. Many of these facts are taken from Francis Green's manuscript, entitled "Genealogical and Biographical Anecdotes of the Green Family," 1806.

Their children were: — *Margaretta*, married John Newton of Halifax, and died in 1763, without children; *Benjamin*, married Susan Winman, and left a large family (four of their sons were officers in the British army and navy in 1806, and one of them was a lieutenant under Lord Nelson when he fell); *Francis* (see page 22), born August 21, 1742, a graduate of Harvard College in the class of 1760,

married, October 18, 1769, his cousin Susanna, and died April 21, 1809; *Charlotte*, married Henry Newton, brother of John, and died in 1782, leaving a large family; *Charles*, died unmarried; *Edward Mitchelson*, died in childhood; and *Edward Cornwallis* also. The last three were born in Halifax, and the others in Boston.

RUTH, born April 23, 1716, baptized May 6, and died August 24, 1716.

All the children of this generation were born at Salem Village, now Danvers.

Fifth Generation.

The children of Joseph and Anna (Peirce) Green were:—

ANNA, born October 4, 1728, "Friday 8 o'clock morn^g," married, January 3, 1758, her cousin, Joshua Winslow, born January 23, 1727. They had *George Scott*, born November 14, 1758; *Anna Green*, born November 29, 1759; and three other children. The daughter, Anna Green Winslow, died when about nineteen years of age. A diary kept by her in Boston, during 1771 and 1772, which is still in existence, shows her to have been a girl of considerable precocity. Mr. Winslow was at one time a paymaster in the army, and afterwards commissary general of the forces sent to Acadia under General John Winslow. He died at Quebec in the year 1801, and his widow died at Medford, April 16 or 17, 1816.

See an account of Daniel Peirce of Newbury, Massachusetts, by Colonel Albert H. Hoyt, reprinted with additions and corrections from "The New-England Historical and Genealogical Register" for July, 1875, pages 8, 9; also a notice of Joshua Winslow, in Perkins's "Copley's Paintings," page 123.

JOSEPH, born February 7, 1729-30, "Saturday, 10 o'clock even^g," and died unmarried, October 22, 1774, at Paramaribo, Surinam, where he was in business. He was a scholar at the Boston Latin School in 1738. He advertises a runaway servant in the "Boston Post-Boy and Advertiser," October 29, 1759, and offers a reward for his return. Some letters written to him from home contain so many family matters that extracts from them are given in page 50.

JOSHUA, born May 17, 1731, "Monday $\frac{1}{2}$ past 9 o'clock, morn^g." He went to the Latin School in 1738, and graduated at Harvard College in the class of 1749. He married, October 7, 1762, Hannah, born May 22, 1739, daughter of Ebenezer and Mary (Edwards) Storer. She was a friend, and during many years a correspondent, of Abigail Adams, wife of John Adams; and some of the letters, from each to the other, are still extant. (See page 53.) Joshua Green was associated in business with Edward Walker, a graduate of Harvard College in the class of 1757, who was a son of his father's partner. In the year 1761, they were "at the *North Corner of Queen-Street* [Court Street], near the Town-House." The partnership was dissolved June 15, 1765. "Boston Post-Boy and Advertiser," December 21, 1761, and July 15, 1765. His name appears in the Boston Directory for 1789. He lived in Court Street, in the third house south of Hanover Street, until a few years before his death, when he removed to Wendell, Massachusetts, where his only son was living, and died in that town July 25, 1806. His widow died at the same place, September 2, 1811.

He removed to Westfield temporarily with his family in May, 1775, when Boston was in the possession of British troops, and his house in Court Street was taken and used

by English officers. A "secretary" and a looking-glass are still kept in the family, which were the only pieces of the more valuable articles of furniture left uninjured at that time. (See page 61.) Joshua Green was a methodical person, and wrote a handsome hand. It was his custom, each Sunday, to make an abstract of the sermons at the Brattle-Street Church, and these for several years before the Revolution are still in existence. He also kept a brief diary in a series of interleaved almanacs, of which there are several numbers in the library of the New-England Historic, Genealogical Society, and others in my possession. A few of them are marked with the name of his son, "J. Green Junr.," but the entries are mostly made in the handwriting of the father.

See "The Daily Graphic," New York, June 15, 1875, and the "Centennial Graphic," June, 1875. Also the "Proceedings of the Massachusetts Historical Society, 1875-1876," pages 101, 102.

ELIZABETH, born July 17, 1732, "Monday, $\frac{3}{4}$ after 4 o'clock morn^g," and died September 19, 1733, "Wensday 3 o'clock afternoon."

EDWARD, born September 18, 1733, "Tuesday 9 o'clock even^g," married, April 14, 1757, Mary Storer, and died July 29, 1790, leaving no children. He attended the Latin School in 1743. He was appointed, November 29, 1780, one of the officers for Suffolk County "to muster the Men that shall inlist into the Continental Army." He acted as a marshal on the occasion of Washington's visit to Boston in October, 1789. He lived in Southwack's Court in 1770, and in Court Street in 1789, according to the Directory of that year. His widow afterwards married Benjamin Hall of Medford, and died about 1825. Mr. Hall was a great-

grandson of John Hall, who married Elizabeth Green in 1650. (See page 8.)

ELIZABETH, born October 12, 1734, "Saturday $\frac{3}{4}$ after 4 o'clock morn^g," married, July 11, 1751, Ebenezer Storer, a graduate of Harvard College in the class of 1747, and a brother of Hannah and Mary, before mentioned. She died December 8, 1774.

CHARLES, born November 30, 1735, "Sunday 8 o'clock even^g," was at the Latin School in 1744, and died April 15, 1752, "Wensday 11 o'clock P: M: "

—— (a son, stillborn), May 12, 1737, "Thursday past 12 o'clock night."

HENRY, born June 2, 1738, "Friday 11 o'clock even^g" He went to the Latin School in 1745. He was in business in Nova Scotia, and afterwards in Boston; and died subsequently to some part of 1774.

MITCHELSON, born March 19, 1740-41, "Thursday morn^g 6 o'clock," and died May 20, 1741, "Wensday 6 o'clock morn^g "

GEORGE, born October 13, 1742, "Wensday 3: o'clock afternoon," married, November 15, 1769, Katharine, born September 17, 1745, daughter of Thomas and Joanna (Gardner) Aspinwall of Brookline. At one time he was a merchant in Boston. He died about 1800, in London, where he had lived since 1773, and his wife died April 18, 1776, at Brookline. They had one son, who died a few weeks old, in August, 1770, and an only daughter, *Julia*, born July 10, 1771, who died young.

SUSANNA, born July 26, 1744, "Thursday 1 o'clock morning," married, October 18, 1769, her cousin, Francis Green, (see page 17), — a graduate of Harvard College in the class of 1760, and a son of Benjamin Green of Halifax, — and died November 10, 1775. They had *Francis*, born November 16, 1770, and died August 17, 1771; *Charles*, a deaf-mute, born December 14, 1771, and drowned at Cole-harbor, near Halifax, August 29, 1787; *Susanna*, born December 29, 1772, married, September 22, 1794, Stephen H. Binney of Halifax, and died March 18, 1802, leaving three children; *Francis Erasmus*, born October 13, 1774, and died February 27, 1778, from the effects of a burn; and *George*, born November 2, 1775, and died November 8, 1775.

All the children of Joseph and Anna (Peirce) Green were born in Boston.

[Francis Green afterwards married, May 19, 1785, Harriet, daughter of David and Sarah (Seymour) Mathews (David was at one time during the Revolution mayor of New York), and had Harriet Mathews, born at Halifax, November 17, 1786, and died at Medford, August 28, 1803; Henry Francis, born at Halifax, May 13, 1789, married, November 19, 1819, Caroline Frances, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Storer) Atkinson, and died at Bellows Falls, August 30, 1867 (his wife died February 3, 1865); Anna Winslow, born at Halifax, July 26, 1791, married, April 14, 1823, Dr. Samuel Webber of Charlestown, New Hampshire, a graduate of Harvard College in the class of 1815, and she died July 6, 1868; Eliza Atkinson, born at Halifax, October 3, 1794, and died in Boston, February 3, 1813; Mary Hall, born at Medford, September 12, 1799, and died at Bellows Falls, June 11, 1853; and Mathews Wyllly, born at Medford, February 5, 1803, married,

November 5, 1832, Margaret Augusta, daughter of Captain James and Susan (Wyman) Gilchrist of Medford, and died at Charlestown, New Hampshire, April 8, 1874.

For an account of Francis Green, see "American Annals of the Deaf and Dumb," XIII. 1, Hartford, 1861; Miss F. M. Caulkins's "History of Norwich, Connecticut," pages 374-76; also L. Sabine's "Loyalists of the American Revolution," pages 492-96.]

Sixth Generation.

The only child of Joshua and Hannah (Storer) Green was:—

JOSHUA, born in Boston, October 5, 1764; he was attending the Boston Latin School in 1773, and graduated at Harvard College in the class of 1784. He married, September 28, 1791, Mary, born March 25, 1768, daughter of David and Lydia (Gay) Mosley of Westfield. She died December 4, 1821, and he married as his second wife, August 17, 1825, her sister, Nancy Mosley, born April 22, 1779. He died June 16, 1847, at Wendell, Massachusetts, where he had lived for more than sixty years, and his widow died December 17, 1856, at the same place.

See pages 64 and 66, for notices of his first wife and himself, which appeared in the "Boston Recorder."

He never engaged in any active business or profession, but soon after leaving college went to Wendell, in Franklin County, where he occupied himself, in part, by looking after the lands and affairs of Judge Oliver Wendell, after whom the town was named. He became identified with the place, and held various offices of trust and responsibility in the town and the church. During many years he was a Justice of the Peace and of the Quorum, and a Session

Justice of the Circuit Court of Common Pleas. He was at different times a member of both branches of the State Legislature. "Judge Joshua Green, a native of Boston and a graduate of Harvard in 1784, became a resident of Wendell about 1790, and was for many years the most useful and influential man in the town and its vicinity. His mother was an intimate friend of the wife of the elder Adams, and many letters from Mrs. Adams were found among her papers after her death. Judge Green was a man of unusual abilities and gentlemanly accomplishments, and for more than fifty years devoted himself to the advancement of the interests of Wendell. To him, more than to any other man, the town owed its former intelligence and prosperity. He died in 1847." Holland's "History of Western Massachusetts," II. 458.

Seventh Generation.

The children of Joshua and Mary (Mosley) Green were : —

HENRY ATKINSON, born at Wendell, September 5, 1792, married, May 25, 1820, Anna Amory, eldest daughter of Nathaniel and Catherine Hay (Geyer) Tucker of Bellows Falls, Vermont. At one time he was a merchant in New York, and subsequently lived at Bellows Falls, where he died November 29, 1863. His wife was born May 14, 1803, and died June 28, 1875. Their children are : —

Edward Henry, born at Bellows Falls, February 6, 1821, married, July 11, 1867, Hetty Howland, born November 22, 1834, daughter of Edward Mott and Abby Slocum (Howland) Robinson, and they have Edward Howland Robinson, born in London August 22, 1868, and Hetty Sylvia Ann Howland, born in London, January 7, 1871;

and *Henrianna*, born in New York, June 21, 1831, married, October 15, 1850, the Reverend John Jay Elmendorf, D.D., then of New York but now of Racine, Wisconsin, and they have Mary Augusta, born August 22, 1851; Anna Tucker, born December 21, 1852, and died October 3, 1855; John Edward, born July 31, 1854, and died August 10, 1855; Agnese, born December 30, 1855; Grace, born February 9, 1857; Edward Henry Green, born March 22, 1859; Anna Green, born June 4, 1861; John Jay, born February 8, 1864, and died December 30, 1866; Elizabeth Lawrence, born December 7, 1865; Caroline Dickerson, born January 7, 1868; Emilie Keene, born at Racine, July 25, 1869; and Augustine, born at Bellows Falls, July 31, 1870. All the children of this last family, with the exception of the two youngest, were born in New York.

JOSHUA, born at Wendell, October 8, 1797. He went to school at the academies in New Salem, Westfield, and Milton, and graduated at Harvard College in the class of 1818. He studied medicine with the late Dr. John C. Warren of Boston, and took the degree of M.D. at the Harvard Medical School in 1821. Soon after taking this degree, he was appointed (October 11) apothecary at the Massachusetts General Hospital, which was then just opened for the reception of patients. He remained here one year. At that time the apothecary, in addition to his own duties, performed those of the house physician and the house surgeon. He began to practise his profession at Sunderland, Massachusetts, in March, 1823. He married, January 5, 1824, Eliza, born March 13, 1796, daughter of Major Samuel and Susanna (Parker) Lawrence of Groton. In the spring of 1825 he removed to Groton, and, after about ten years, owing to ill health, he gradually gave up the practice of medicine. In the year 1832, an attack of

bleeding from the lungs compelled him to pass a winter in the island of Cuba, where he regained to a fair degree his health. He represented the town of Groton in the Legislature for the years 1836 and 1837. He was one of the Trustees of the Lawrence Academy at Groton from 1831 to 1867, and during most of this time either the secretary or the president of the Board. He had a good deal of taste for antiquarian and genealogical matters, and was chosen, August 18, 1849, a corresponding member of the New-England Historic, Genealogical Society. On the 71st anniversary of his birthday (October 8, 1868), he had a stroke of paralysis, from which he never fully recovered. After the death of his wife, which occurred August 20, 1874, he went to live with his only daughter, at Morristown, New Jersey, where he died June 5, 1875, from a general feeble condition of the body.

See a notice of him in "The New-England Historical and Genealogical Register," XXX. 126.

Eighth Generation.

The children of Dr. Joshua and Eliza (Lawrence) Green were:—

WILLIAM LAWRENCE, born at Sunderland, October 28, 1824, and died at Groton, August 28, 1825.

WILLIAM LAWRENCE, born at Groton, August 22, 1826, and died at Groton, October 21, 1847. He was a merchant in Boston, of the firm of Jewett, Tebbetts, and Green, in Milk Street.

See the "Diary and Correspondence of the late Amos Lawrence," pages 251, 252.

HENRY ATKINSON, born at Groton, April 29, 1828, married, November 25, 1857, Emily, born July 18, 1824, daughter of Dr. John and Lydia Maria (Brett) Wagner of Charleston, South Carolina. He is now a member of the firm of Mackintosh, Green, & Co., 56 Franklin Street, Boston, very near the site occupied by them when they were burnt out by the great fire of November 9 and 10, 1872.

SAMUEL ABBOTT, born at Groton, March 16, 1830, fitted for college at the Lawrence Academy at Groton, and graduated at Harvard College in the class of 1851. He studied medicine with the late Dr. J. Mason Warren of Boston, and took his medical degree in 1854. During the war of the Rebellion he was a surgeon in the army; at the present time he is the City Physician of Boston. *Scriptor hujus libelli.*

See the "Genealogy of the Family of John Lawrence," page 125, published in Boston in 1869.

ELIZABETH LAWRENCE, born at Groton, June 5, 1832, married, October 5, 1854, John Kendall, born April 17, 1833, a graduate of Dartmouth College in the class of 1853, and a son of the Honorable Amos and Jane (Kyle) Kendall of Washington, D.C. He died, December 7, 1861, in Washington, and she married, as her second husband, September 8, 1862, Dr. Charles Young Swan, born at Belfast, Ireland, June 25, 1833, a son of William and Mary (Lyttle) Swan. He graduated at the New York College of Physicians and Surgeons in 1856, and at the present time has an office in New York, but lives at Morristown, New Jersey. His grandfather, Edward Lyttle, was an officer in the British navy during the American Revolution.

JOSHUA, born at Groton, May 7, 1834, and died February 13, 1846.

For some collateral connections of this family, see Abiel and Ephraim Abbot's "Genealogical Register of the Abbot Family," (1847), pages 52, 53; Dr. Henry Bond's "History of Watertown, Massachusetts," (1855), page 839; and John Lawrence's "Genealogy of John Lawrence," (1869), pages 124, 125.

Ninth Generation.

The children of Henry Atkinson and Emily (Wagner) Green are:—

CAROLINE SARGENT, born in Boston, December 18, 1859;
and

WILLIAM LAWRENCE, born in Boston, December 7,
1861.

DOCUMENTS, WILLS, &c.

I.

These documents are on file in the office of the clerk of the Court, at East Cambridge.

[Endorsed]

Attachm^t

SAM^{LL} GREEN CONTRA FFOX

October 6, 91

To y^e Marsh^{ll} Gen^{ll} or his Deputy or Constable of Cambridge

You are required in their Maj^{ties} Names to Attach the Goods & in want thereof y^e Body of Thomas Fox of Cambridge abovesaid & take Bond of him to the Value of Thirty pounds money wth sufficient security for his appearance at y^e next Court to be holden in Cambridge for y^e County of Midd^x the first Tuesday in Octob^r next, then & there to Answer the Complaint of Sam^{ll} Green of said Cambridge Attorney to Ruth Green Widow & Relict of John Green late of Cambridg de^{cd} & Administratrix on y^e Estate of w^{ch} he dyed seized Also Attorney to his Brethren Nathaniel Green, Edwrd Green & Thomas Green, Sons & Heires of the Said John Green de^{cd} in an Actōn of the Case, for that y^e said Thomas Fox doth keep in his possession & withholds from y^e p^{ties} a parcell of land being a house lot Containing by estimation about halfe an Acre, lying & being situate in Cambridge Bounded wth Cambridge Co^mon southerly, wth land formerly belonging to John Meane, now in y^e possession of Walter Hasting

Westerly ; wth land formerly called y^e Pine Swamp northerly ; & wth y^e land formerly belonging to Richard Parke, now Belonging to y^e heires of y^e said John Green deċed Easterly ; wth said house lot formerly belonged to Percivall Green deċed Father of y^e said John Green deċed & so of right descends to his Children it being never alienated by y^e Said Percivall Green : the detaining of which is greatly to y^e P^{ts} Damage wth all other Damages So make a true returne under yo^r hand Dated this 22^d of Septemb^r Anno Dom : 1691 :

Per Cur SAMUEL GREEN
cleric : for Cambridge

I doe Constitute and Impower Jacob Amsden of Cambridge
To Serue this attachment :

SAM^{LL} GOOKIN M Gen^{ll}

Sept 23
91

Sept: 23 1691

By Virtue of this attachm^t I Attached y^e Dwelling house Barn and about four Acres of Land adjacent Belonging to s^d fox and left a sūmons at s^d house S.

JACOB AMSDEN Marsh^{ll} Gen^{ll} Dep^t

SAM GREEN v^sSES THO FFOX.

[Endorsed]

Attachm^t No 1

(1)

Decemb 1st 1691.

By Virtue of this attachm^t I haue attached the Dwelling House of the Wthin Mentioned Thomas ffox and Deliuered his Son Jabez a Coppy of s^d attachm^t and Read the attachmen to s^d Fox.

SAM^{LL} GOOKIN MARSH^{LL} GEN^{LL}

To the Marshall General or his Deputy or Constable of Cambridge

You are required in their Maj^{ties} Names to Attach y^e Goods & in want thereof the Body of Thomas Fox of Cambridge above-said & take Bond of him to y^e value of Thirty pounds money wth sufficient security for his appearance at y^e next Court to be holden

in Charlestowne for y^e County of Midd^t on the third tuisday of this Instant December then and there to answer y^e Complaint of Samuel Green of said Cambridge both in his own behalfe & as Attorney to his Brethren Viz^t Nathanael Green Edward Green & Thomas Green they being all of them the reputed sons & heires of John Greene, late of Cambridge Deçed, in an Action of the Case, for that the said Thomas Fox withholdeth from the Plant^{ffs} a House lott now in his Possession being in the limits of Cambridge abovesaid Containing about halfe an Acre more or less, & is Bounded wth y^e land of Walter Hasting Westerly ; wth meadow land formerly Called by y^e name of y^e Pine swamp Northerly wth the land of y^e said John Green easterly ; & wth the Towne Coñon southerly of wth said land Percivall Green the Father of the above said John Greene deçed : dyed seized ; & left his Relict Widdow Ellin Green in Possession wth said Ellin Green the abovesaid Thomas Fox did marry, & in her right did possess the said house lott during her life, w^{ch} by right of Inheritance descends to the Plant^{ffs} being never alienated by him the said Percivall Green nor by any else : the Detaining of w^{ch} is to y^e Plant^{ffs} Damage at least Fifteen pounds money wth all other due Damages, so make a true returne hereof under yo^r hand Dated this first day of December Ann^o Dom 1691 :

Annoq RR^{ts} & Regi^{næ} Guiliemi & Mariæ Angliæ &c Tertio.

p^r Cu^r SAMUEL GREEN :
cleric : for Cambridge

[Endorsed]

Verdict

(2)

In the Case Depending between Samⁿ Green Pl^{ff} & Thomas ffox Def^t We find for the Def^{ts} Title to y^e Land in Controversy and Costs of Court

[Endorsed]

CAP^r. GREENS & DANIEL CHEEVERS TESTIMONY

(3)

Samuel Green Sen^r aged about 76 yeares & Daniel Cheever aged about 70 yeares testify, that Percivall Greene of Cambridge long since Deçed, was in possession of a house & house lott in Cambridge, bounded wth Cambridge Coñon South ; wth land for-

merly John Meane's West; by land then Called by y^e name of Pine swamp north; & land formerly belonging to Richard Parke East: in w^{ch} house he dyed, & left his Wife Ellin^r Green in possession, where sh^{ee} Dwelt when Thomas Fox married her, & both lived in y^e same, till the house was Burnt, w^{ch} was about ten yeares since; They further testify that John Green marshall late deēd, was y^e reputed son of said Percivall Greene: & also do say that the house lot bounded as abovesaid, is the very same land in Controversy, between y^e heires of said John Green, & Thomas Fox: these Deponents also testify that Nathanael Greene Samuel Greene, Edward Greene & Thomas Greene are all of them reputed sons of Marshall John Green late deēd

They added in Court to theire
Evidence that said p^rcivall Green
dyed aboue fifty three yeares
agoe in said house

Charlestowne xbr 29: 91.
Sworn in Courte

Atts SAM^{LL} PHIPPS Cler

Atts. S. P. C.

[Endorsed]

SAM^{LL} ANDREW COPPY OF RECORD.

(4)

This is taken out of the Town records this 17th Sep^r 1691

Persivall Green. One house upon the Common with halfe an acre of ground: Richard Parke East, Jn^o Mean west, Pine swampe North East, Cow Common South west. It: In the north side of Jones his Hill, Two acres and ten pole of planting grounds Richard Parke West, Edward Winship South, to the Common East and North.

A true Coppy, as Attest SAMUE^{LL} ANDREW Cla^r

[Endorsed]

DEACON WALTER HASTINGS TEST.

Evidence.

(5)

Walter Hastings aged about 60 years sayth that Thomas ffox Defend^t to Samuel Green plan^t had his dwelling upon the Land now in Controversy between y^m before the year 1652 & Continued

his dwelling thereon, untill a few years now past by Gods Providence the Housing were burned downe being about ten years more or less

CHARLESTOWNE

xbr: 29.91. Sworne in Courte.

Atts SAM^{LL} PHIPPS Cler

[Endorsed]

THO: DANFORTH'S NATH^t BRIDGES EVIDENCE

(6)

Octobr. 6. 91.

Matthew Bridge owned in Court his oath to this Evidence.

Atts SAM^t PHIPPS Cler

Thomas Danforth sworn saith that Thomas ffox Deff^t to Sam^l Green p^t was possessed of & had his dwelling upon the land now in controversie between them, Octob. 19. 1652: & severall years before, & so held & kept possession thereof & his dwelling thereon untill y^e 20th of May 1662. & many years after, until by Gods providence the houses thereon were burnt. about Ten years since.

Sworne at y^e said Danforths house

Octobr 6. 1691 @ Coram

JA: RUSSELL Assis^t

Octobr. 6: 91:

Mathew Bridge made oath to y^e Truth of what is about written before Tho^s Danforth. D. con & James Russell & Jn^o Phillips Asst^s

Atts SAM^{LL} PHIPPS Cler

Know all men by these p^rsents that Ruth Green of Cambridge in the County of Midd^x in y^e Colony of y^e Massachusetts in New England Widow & Relict of John Green late of Cambridge above said De^ced: and Adm^r of his Estate & Nathanⁿ Greene Edward Greene & Thomas Greene sons of the abovesaid John & Ruth Greene Have Assigned ordained & made and in their stead & place by these presents put & Constituted their trusty & welbeloved friend Samuel Green of Cambridge Taylo^r Son of y^e abovesaid John & Ruth Greene: their true & lawfull Attorney for them & in their stead & name & for their use & behoofe together wth

his own to aske recover & receive of Thomas Fox of Cambridge all such lands & estate as were formerly belonging to Percivall Greene of said Cambridge long since Deēd & to Elianor his Wife now in y^e possession of said Thomas Fox or disposed by him w^{ch} said lands y^e said Thomas Fox possessed in the right of y^e said Elianor haveing married her after y^e Decease of her husband the said P^rcivall Greene ; Enjoying y^e said lands in y^e right of his said wife & not otherwise as may be made to appear ; Giving & by these p^rsents Granting unto their said Attorney their full power & lawfull Authority in y^e p^rmses to do, say, performe & finish for them & in their name as aforesaid all, & every such act & acts, thing and things. Devise & Devises in the law w^{so}ever for y^e recovery of all such lands as aforesd as fully, largely & amply in every respect, as they themselves might or Could do if pe^rsonally p^rsent & upon y^e receipt thereof Acquittances or other discharges for y^m & in their names to make Seale & deliver ratifying allowing & holding firme & stable, all, & w^{so}ever their said Attorney shall lawfully do, or Cause to be done in, or about y^e Execution of y^e P^rmisses by virtue of these p^rsents In Witness they have hereunto set their hands & seales this 11th day of July Ann^o Dom : 1691 Annoq RR^{is} Reginæ Gulielmi & Mariæ Angliæ &c : Tertio :

EDWARD GREEN [Seal]

RUTH GREEN

[Seal]

THOMAS GREEN [Seal]

NATHANIEL GREEN [Seal]

Sealed & Delivrd in
p^rsence of

JONATHAN REMINGTON }
MARTHA REMINGTON }

CAMB : Octobr 6. 91.

L^t Jonathan Remington & Martha Remington made oath that they were p^rsent & Saw y^e Subscribers to this Instrument sign & Seal & Deliver this Instrument as their act & Deed before James Russell & Jn^e Phillips Ass^{ts}

Atts. S. P. Cler.

II.

[EDWARD GREEN'S WILL.]

In the Name of God Amen I Edward Green Marrner and Passanger now on board the Ship friendship Benjamin Emes Comander being in perfect mind and memory praises be therefore given to almighty god doe make and ordaine this my present Last Will and Testament in manner and forme following that is to say first and Principall I Commend my Soule into the hands of almighty god hoping through the merrits Death and passion of my Saviour jesus Christ to have full and free pardon and forgiveness of all my Sinnes and to inherit everlasting life my body to y^e Earth or Sea well knowing that the Sea as well as the Earth shall give up her dead expecting a Joy full Resurrection and reunion of Soule and body as Touching the disposition of that worldly Estate it hath Pleased the Lord to bestow upon me I give and Dispose thereof as followeth first I Will that all my debts and funerall expences be paid and Discharged Item I give and bequeath unto my mother Ruth Champany thirty pound Item I give to my Brother Jonathan Green my Coat Briches and Jackett and Stockings which I left at home Item I give to my Brother Joseph Green my best Coat and Jackett and Briches and Stockings Item I give to my Brother Benjamin Green my freiz Coat and the rest of my wearing Cloath that is on board the friendship and his Passage if he go for New England in the friendship which is eight pound of lawfull mony of England Item I give to my father Samuel Champney Sin^r my Cloake Item I give to my Sisters Ruth and Bethiea Hicks five pounds £ each I give to my nephew Samuel Green the sonn of Samuel Green my Brother whichs deseased tenn pounds if the hundred and fourty pound come well over it is to be Divided Between my Brothers Jonathan Green and Joseph Green and my Sister Mary Green and she is to have a Duple porshon of the hundred fourty pounds which they are to be paid part of my debts and funerall Charges out the Same and the Small things that is not Willd I give to my Sister Mary Green Item I give to my Said Executor one gold rigne in Value thirty shillings my friends and Executor

and relations liveth in Cambridge in the County of Middlesex in the Province of the Massachusetts bay in New England it is my Will that my Said Executor doe take into his charge and Custody all the Estate that doe belong to me Confiding in his Care Love and fidelity and for the better performance and Execution of the Premises I doe hereby nominate appointe and Constute my Trusty and Well beloved friend Joanthan Reamanton my full whole and Sole Executor of this my p'sent last Will and Testament I doe heerby revoke Disannull and make void all former Wills and Testaments by me heertofore made either Verball or Written and also I would have my said Executor to keep in his hands thirty one pounds tenn shillings for three mens Wages that may be doe to them for their services done on board the Ship Eagle whereof I was late Cõmander which I shall give an order to my Executor for to pay the three men whose names I will mention in the order and what every man must have but not to be paid till my hundred and fourty pounds Come over that I left in my attorneys hands M^r Henry Palmer merchant in London there Wages being part of the hundred and fourty pound I Doe Signe Seale declare and publish these p'sents to be my last Will and Testament this fourth day of february in the yeare of our Lord god one thousand six hundred and ninety five in the Seventh yeare of the Reigne of our Sovereigne Lord William the third of England &c

Signed Sealed Declared and
Publisht to be be the last Will and
Testament of Cap^t Edward Green
in y^e presents of

EDW^d GREEN [Seal]

Isaac Woodbery Sin^r
Fr̃a Willoughby
Ralph Perkins
Benj^a Emes

[On the back]

By the Hon^{ble} William Stoughton Esq^r Judge of Probate &c.

The within written Will being presented by Jonathan Remington Sole Executor therein named. Ralph Perkins & Benj^a Emes two of y^e Witnesses thereto personally appearing before me made Oath That they were present & did see the within named Edward Green the Testator Signe and Seale & heard him publish the

within Writing as his last Will & Testam^t he being then of sound disposing mind to their best discerning. And that they the s^d Depon^{ts} & the other Witnesses subscribed their names as Witnesses thereto in the s^d Testators presence —

Jurat Cor

W^m STOUGHTON

Boston July 28th 1696.

[Suffolk County Probate Office, No. 2324.]

III.

JOSEPH GREEN.

A numerous committee was appointed by the inhabitants of Salem Village, November 19, 1697, "to treat with the Rev. Mr. Joseph Green; to see if they can prevail with him to come and preach with us a while in order to a further settlement." The next week a meeting of the church was called, and they prayed "that God would provide a pastor for this his church, according to his promise made to his people that he would give them pastors after his own heart who would feed his people with knowledge and understanding that his church may not be as sheep without a shepherd." And the account runs: "After prayer being ended, the church having before this day had some experience of the ministerial preaching and teaching of Mr. Joseph Green amongst us, it was then consented to and voted by the church that we desire him to continue in the same work still amongst us, and that in order to take office upon him: if it shall please the great Shepherd of the Sheep to bestow such a blessing upon us." The parish concurred, December 20, 1697, "by a universal consent." He was offered a salary of £70 with the use of the ministry house and land, and his fire-wood. The fuel was subsequently commuted at eight pounds. His settlement was deferred for some time in order to see whether the peace and harmony now prevailing would continue. In June, 1698, the invitation to him was renewed from the church and the parish, and the answer is found in the church-book, — the first entry that is made in Mr. Green's handwriting, — "I gave an answer to the church and congregation to the effect that if their love to

me continued, and was duly manifested, and if they did all study to be quiet, I then was willing to continue with you, and to engage in the work of the ministry," &c.

He was ordained in the autumn, and married his wife, in the following spring, from the neighboring town of Wenham. After his settlement the parish voted £40 for repairs on the parsonage. This action met with some opposition, as the amount was thought to be large, and another meeting was called, when a statement was made in behalf of Mr. Green: "that he was willing the vote of forty pounds should be lett fall: and that if the house be so repaired that it be decent and comfortable to live in it shall please him."

During his ministry great pains were taken to restore peace to the people who had been divided so long by dissension, and who had suffered so much by delusion. Mr. Upham says of Mr. Green that "he was a wise and prudent man. By kind, cautious, and well-timed measures, he gradually succeeded in extracting every root of bitterness, healing all the breaches, and restoring harmony to a long-distracted people." "Hist. Witchcraft," I. 170. The church voted to drop the action begun years before against some of the members, declaring that they "looked upon it as nothing," and that it "should be buried for ever." And there is a minute by Mr. Green in the church-book for February 5, 1699, of "a matter of thankfulness" that these persons were present at the communion service on that Sunday, for the first time since the dark days of the witchcraft tragedy.

"The First Church in Salem rescinded its votes of excommunication of Rebecca Nurse and Giles Corey, in March, 1712. The church at the village was nearly ten years before it, in this act of justice to itself and to the memory of the injured dead. Mr. Green did not wait until the public sentiment drove him to it. He regarded it as his duty to lead, and keep in front of that sentiment, in the right direction. He did not wait until everybody demanded it to be done, but instantly began to prepare his people for it. At the proper time, he gave notice that he was about to bring the question before them; and he accordingly did so. He had no idea of allowing a few narrow-minded, obstinate individuals to keep the blot any longer upon the records of his church. His conduct is honorable to his name, and to the name of the village. By wise, prudent, but persistent efforts, he gradually re-

paired every breach, brought his parish out from under reproach, and set them right with each other, with the obligations of justice, and with the spirit of Christianity. It is affecting to read his ejaculations of praise and gratitude to God for every symptom of the prevalence of harmony and love among the people of his charge.

“The man who extinguished the fires of passion in a community that had ever before been consumed by them deserves to be held in lasting honor. The history of the witchcraft delusion in Salem Village would, indeed, be imperfectly written, if it failed to present the character of him who healed its wounds, obliterated the traces of its malign influence on the hearts and lives of those who acted, and repaired the wrongs done to the memory of those who suffered, in it. Joseph Green had a manly and amiable nature. He was a studious scholar and an able preacher. He was devoted to his ministry and faithful to its obligations. He was a leader of his people, and shared in their occupations and experiences. He was active in the ordinary employments of life and daily concerns of society. Possessed of independent property, he was frugal and simple in his habits, and liberal in the use of his means. The parsonage, while he lived in it, was the abode of hospitality, and frequented by the best society in the neighborhood. By mingled firmness and kindness, he met and removed difficulties. He had a cheerful temperament, was not irritated by the course of events, even when of an unpleasant character. While Mr. Noyes was disturbed, even to resentment, by encroachments upon his parish, in the formation of new societies in the middle precinct of Salem, now South Danvers [Peabody], and in the second precinct of Beverly, now Upper Beverly, Mr. Green, although they drew away from him as many as from Mr. Noyes, went to participate in the raising of their meeting-houses. Of a genial disposition, he countenanced innocent amusements. He was fond of the sports of the field. The catamount was among the trophies of his sure aim, and he came home with his huntsman’s bag filled with wild pigeons. He would take his little sons before and behind him on his horse, and spend a day with them fishing and fowling on Wilkins’s Pond; and, when Indians threatened the settlements, he would shoulder his musket, join the brave young men of his parish, and be the first in the encounter, and the last to relinquish the pursuit of the savage foe.

"He was always, everywhere, a peacemaker; by his genial manner, and his genuine dignity and decision of character, he removed dissensions from his church and neighborhood, and secured the respect while he won the love of all. That such a person was raised up and placed where he was at that time, was truly a providence of God." — "Hist. Witchcraft," II. 508, 509.

A new meeting-house was built in 1701, and Mr. Green set his name at the head of the subscription, for the sum of ten pounds, and only one or two persons in the parish gave more.

When the Indians fell upon Haverhill and burned the town, in the summer of 1708, Mr. Upham says that "a troop of horse and a foot company from Salem Village rushed to the rescue; the then minister of the parish, the Rev. Joseph Green, seized his gun and went with them. They pursued the flying Indians for some distance. So deeply were the people of Haverhill impressed by the valor and conduct of Mr. Green and his people, that they sent a letter of thanks, and desired him to come and preach to them. He complied with the invitation, spent a Sunday there, and thus gave them an opportunity to express personally their gratitude. On other occasions, he accompanied his people on similar expeditions." — "Hist. Witchcraft," I. 9.

The minute in the church-book in regard to his death was written by Deacon Edward Putnam, and is as follows:—

"Then was the choyces flower and grenest olif tree in the garden of our Lord hear cut down in its prime and florishing estate at the age of forty years and 2 days, who had ben a faithful ambasindor from God to us 18 years, then did that brite star seet and never more to apear her among us: then did our sun go down and now what darkness is com upon us; put away and pardon our Iniquities o Lord which have ben the cause of the sore displeasure and return to us again in marcy and provide yet again for this thy flock a pastor after thy one hearte as thou hast promised to thy people in thy word one [on] which promise we have hope for we are called by thy name. o leve us not."

The following is a translation of the Latin inscription on the stone at his grave:—

"Beneath this turf rest, in the hope of a blessed resurrection, the remains of the Reverend Joseph Green, A.M., deceased. For about eighteen years he was a most watchful pastor of this church: a man to be held in perpetual remembrance for the

weightiness of his teaching, and the agreeableness of his manners; who departed from this most laborious life on the fifth day before the month of December, A.D. 1715. He had just completed his fortieth year."

The Reverend Nicholas Noyes of Salem wrote an elegy and an epitaph on Joseph Green, which are printed with Mr. Capen's funeral sermon. The Elegy begins:—

"In Gods House we of late did see
A *Green*, and growing Olive Tree,
'Twas planted by a Living Spring,
That always made it flourishing;
Fill'd it with Sap, and Oyly Juice,
That Leaves, and Fruit, and Light produce.

But now alas, we weep to see,
An Empty Place, where stood that Tree:
That *GREEN* and lovely Tree, whose Sight
Had bless'd our Eyes with much delight.

Our *Joseph* was a *Fruitful Bough*,
His Vertuous Wife was Fruitful too,
They were a lovely, Loving Pair,
As most that Breath in Common Air;
As if one Soul had dwelt in these,
What pleased One, it both did please."

EPITAPH.

"Under this Sorry Heap of Stones,
Rich Treasure lyes, *dear Joseph's Bones*;
From Salem Village, CHRIST will move
Them to His *SALEM that's Above*.
When the Last Trumpet gives it's Sound,
The Saints will Start from under Ground
Be Chang'd, and Mount, with one accord,
To Meet with their Descending LORD."

In preparing this notice of the Reverend Mr. Green, I have used freely the very excellent and trustworthy "History of the First Parish in Danvers," by its minister, the Reverend Charles B. Rice, who is this winter a member of the General Court. It has furnished me with extracts from the church records, which I could not otherwise have easily procured.

The following extract is taken from the "Journal of the House of Representatives" (Massachusetts) for June 3, 1715:—

"A petition of *Joseph Green of Salem*, presented to the House and Read, praying, That a Surveyor may be appointed to lay out a Farm formerly Granted, to Marshal General *Mitchelson* (the laying out of that, and Mr. *Green* the Printer's Farm Intersecting with one another.) Committed."

In the afternoon of the same day, it is recorded that:—

"The Petition of *Joseph Green*, praying as entred this Day, further considered, and the Report of the Committee thereon, which was accepted by the House, and accordingly,

"*Ordered*, That the Petitioner may Employ an able Sworn Surveyor with Men under Oath to carry the Chain, to lay out so much of the Province Land adjoining to *Mitchelson's* Farm, as by mistake was taken up of *Green's* Farm, in the first laying out of *Mitchelson's* Farm, so as that the said *Mitchelson's* Farm, may contain three hundred Acres, as at first Granted; and lay a Plat thereof before this Court for Confirmation. Sent up for Concurrence."

[JOSEPH GREEN'S WILL.]

In the Name of God Amen I Joseph Green of Salem in the County of Essex Clarke Being sick of body but of perfect memory and vnderstanding Blessed be god for it Do make This my Last Will and Testement in forme and maner following Imprimiss I Giue vp my soule to God when he shall plesse to Call for it and my bodye to Decent Christian Buriall at the Discretion of my Executorix hoping for a Glorion[s] Reseraction In and Through The merits of Jesus Christ my Lord and onely sauour and Redemer and I Comitt my widow and Children To the Good prouedance of god That hath promised to be a father To the fatherless & a husband to the widow: and I Comite the Flock and Congregation of whome god hath made me ouerseer To the good prouedance of God Trusting that god will in mercy prouide for them and as for That Temperall Estate which god hath ben plesed to bless me withall I Dispose of in maner following

Item I giue To my Beloued wife out of my Estate after my Just Debts are payed. one hundred and fourty pound. and the vse of my Indian slaue so Long as she Contenues my widow

2. I giue to my son John * Eighty pounds ccartain Towards his Learning at the Collage and If that doth not amount to his Duble portion Then to haue so much more as will make it vp

3ly I Giue Twenty pounds To pious and Charitable vses at the Discretion of my Exetrex

4 I giue fiue pounds to my Honoured mother Champny If she Liues to be Quite blind [which is to be part of the Twety pounds †]

5 after my funerall Charge is payed The Rest of my Estate I Giue to be Improued for the Education and Disposing of my Children now Borne or yet to be Borne ‡ at the Discretion of my Excetrex


Item I make my well beloued wife sole Excetrix of this my will and I Doe heareby Giue her full power to make sale of any parte or of all my Lands to accomplish the Ends aboue Expressed and her Title shall be holden good In Confirmation and Testemony that this Is my Last will and Testement I haue hereunto sett my hand and seele This Eighteneth Day of Nouember in the yeare of our Lord 1715

Signed Seeled and Declared in presence of vs

Wittnises

JOSEPH GREEN [Seal]

EDWARD PUTNAM

MARY ^{her}  PUTNAM
marke

JONATHAN PUTNAM

The will is recorded with the Probate Records for Essex County, Book 11, Leaf 164, where the attestation is as follows : —

ESSEX fs. SALEM Dec. 29, 1715

Before y^e Hon^{ble} Jn^o Appleton Esq^r Judge of y^e probate of Wills in said County of Essex M^r Edward Putnam Capt Jon^a Putnam appeared and made oath y^t they were present & saw M^r Joseph Green late of Salem Clerk signe & seale & heard him publish y^e

* This was first written "fifty" and then changed to "Eighty."

† Interlined.

‡ Ruth was born four months after her father's death.

forgoing Instrum^t to be his last Will & Testam^t & when he so did he was of good understanding and Disposeing Mind to y^e best of y^r Discerning — and y^t they with Mary Putnam sett to y^r hands att y^e same time as Wittness In his presence

Sworn Attest DAN^L ROGERS Reg^r

Upon which this Will is proved approved & allowed and y^e Executrix Declared her acceptance of y^t trust Comitted to her said will

Exam^d p DAN^L ROGERS Reg^r

The will was written probably by Jonathan Putnam, and I am indebted to William P. Upham, Esq., of Salem, for the copy of it, which he carefully made.

An inventory of Joseph Green's estate was made January 25, 1715-16, by Jonathan Putnam, John Higginson, Jr., and John Gardner. It amounted in value to £1,053 15s. 8d. It included —

About 40 acres of land near y ^e Ministry house .	[£] 400.00.00
About 50 acres of Orchard to y ^e westward of s ^d	
house between that & y ^e highway	120.00.00
14 acres of meadow & upland adjoining to it aboue	
Wills hill	80.00.00
300 acres of land on y ^e north side of Marrimack River	150.00.00

Among the items was an Indian maid servant, valued at £35. The farm north of the Merrimack was near Haverhill, and was bought by Mr. Green the spring before his death.

The following letter on the death of Mr. Green was written by his father-in-law, Mr. Gerrish, and the name of his wife is appended to it with his own:—

9 10 1715

DEAR SISTER, You are nott ignorant of the cause of our deepe Sorrow on the account of our sore bereavement, the Sovereaine Lord having taken from us our desire, Mr. Green who after many fears and some hopes, left us on the 26th of last month universally bewailed — He died comfortably had his sen's and reason to the last breath ; leaving us to moarn for our sins which provoked God to snatch him from among us in the midst of his days, his breasts full of milk and bones of marrow, having served his people just eighteen years the last Sabbath he preached, and just forty years of age to a day or two — He quickly run his race, and did his works and is gone to receive his reward — The Lord fitt us on to follow him — He has left a mournful widow with seven children born, and one not born, who bespeaks pittie and prayers from all friends &c — My wife was with him night and day about a fourt-night till he was buried, was wonderfully enabled to do for all — We are sorry to learn you are indisposed by a dizziness in your head as Mr. Cushin informed us — We are glad to hear of the welfare of your family to whome we give all due as if named — And also to our Brothers and Sisters Waldron and all theirs —

We give you our best affections and wish your

Sorrowful Brother and Sister

JOSEPH GERRISH
ANNA GERRISH—

IV.

We hear that Capt. *Grave* in a Billender belonging to *John* and *Benja. Green*, was chased going into Gibraltar by a Spanish Privateer, who rowed off to him, and as he understood afterwards had 80 Men on board ; when they came within Gun shot Capt. *Grave* fired vpon him ; and there being a Sloop in Company which Capt. *Grave* could not speak with, but proved Capt. *Willis* of this Place bound to Gibraltar after the Loss of his Men, he fired upon the Spaniard also upon which he made off ; Capt. *Grave* and Capt. *Willis* had not above ten Men each on board ; upon hearing the Guns the Men of War's Boats came off from Gibraltar to know what was the Matter, and to retake them if they had fallen into their Hands ; but the Capt. writes it would have been too late, for the Wind thus springing up, they should have been carried into Ceuta.

[From "The Boston Weekly News-Letter," January 29, 1741, No. 1923.]

V.

JOSEPH GREEN. A merchant of Boston ; born Dec. 12, 1703, and died July 1, 1765. He was the son of the Rev. Joseph Green, of Salem Village, now Danvers, who was graduated at Harvard College in 1695. It is a crayon of life size, and half length. The costume is a single-breasted coat and waistcoat of a dark color, with large embroidered buttons. The cravat is white, and the shirt ruffles are slightly exposed. A full powdered wig completes the picture. The coloring is as fresh and perfect as if just from the artist's hands. It is in the original frame ; and is in the possession of his great-grandson, Dr. Joshua Green, of Groton.

[From A. T. Perkins's "Copley's Paintings," page 62.]

To the Memory of that late Friend to Liberty and valuable Member of Society, JOSEPH GREEN, Esq; who departed this Life, July the 1st, 1765, Æt. 62 by an intimate Friend.

THY worth, blest spirit, claims my humble lays
 Yet, self deny'd, an enemy to praise.
 Without ambition and without desire,
 • But such as glow'd with true cœlestial fire :
 Unstain'd with guilt, yet pitying those who fall,
 And always ready when the wretched call
 To dry their tears, to check the rising sigh,
 Hear their complaints, and soon relief apply.
 By practice good, and by experience wise
 Spoke as he thought, and as he liv'd, he dies.
 In him both probity and worth were join'd,
 Lover of truth and friend to human kind.
 If e'er he spoke you heard the friendly lore
 Whene'er he look'd, his looks convinc'd you more.
 Say ye who most enjoy'd his private hours,
 Ye best can tell what pleasures then were yours ;
 — To sooth, to soften ev'ry day ye knew
 Still to improve and still delight ye too.

His look was candid as his gentle mein,
 Free without lightness, without pride serene :
 His manners easy, as his heart sincere,
 Alike in honour and in conscience clear :
 Calm and untroubled ran his stream of life
 With storms of passion or with tides of strife.
 Nor taught by proud ambition's waves to flow,
 Nor yet by avarice to ebb too low ;
 But gently lifted by such gales of love
 As those that breath'd in *Eden's* flow'ry grove.

By age when summon'd to resign his breath,
 Calm and serene he sees approaching death,
 As the safe port, the peaceful silent shore
 Where he may rest, life's tedious voyage being o'er :
 Whilst he fair virtue's radiant course had run,
 Descending like a summer's-setting sun,
 His thoughts triumphant heav'n alone employs,
 And hope anticipates his future joys. —

His mind not exercis'd so oft in vain
 In health was gentle, and compos'd in pain :
 Successive trial still refin'd his soul,
 And plastic patience perfected the whole.
 Thro' his just ways one gentle spirit mov'd,
 In all respected, and in all lov'd.
 To all good men a friend, to none a foe,
 His humble mind ev'n merit blush'd to show.
 Thus lov'd enough, tho' not enough enjoy'd,
 He hail'd those mansions, oft his thoughts employ'd.

[From "The Massachusetts Gazette and Boston News-Letter," July 18, 1765.]

[JOSEPH GREEN'S WILL.]

In the name of God Amen I Joseph Green of Boston in the county of Suffolk merchant do make my last will and testament in form following

First and principally I most humbly commend my soul to God who gave it trusting in his mercies and Christ's merits for salvation and my body to be decently interred in hope of the resurrection

Touching my worldly estate I dispose thereof as follows

Imprimis I give to my son Joseph Green the sum of five shillings in full of his portion in my estate having heretofore advanced to him more than his share therein

Item. I give to my son George the sum of two hundred pounds to be paid him when he shall arrive at the age of twenty one years. I give to my son Henry the sum of two hundred pounds to be paid in one year from my decease

Item I give to my daughter Susanna the sum of two hundred pounds to be paid her on her arriving to twenty one years or day of marriage which shall first happen

Item. I give to my wife Anna Green the sum of five hundred pounds

Item. I give to my said wife my mansion house in Boston and all the household furniture therein to have to her during her natural life in lieu of her dower

Item. My will is that my said wife have the improvem^t of all real and personal estate during her natural life

Item. I make my said wife executrix of this my last will and testament during her natural life and I hereby impower her to make sale of all or any part of my real estate and to make & execute a good deed or deeds thereof

Item After her decease I constitute my son Joshua Green and my son in law Ebenezer Storer executors of this my last will & testament and will that all my estate real & personal remaining at my said wife's decease shall be one seventh part thereof to my said son Joshua his heirs & assigns forever one seventh part thereof to my son Edward his heirs & assigns forever one seventh part thereof to my son Henry his heirs & assigns forever one seventh part thereof to my son George, his heirs & assigns forever one seventh part thereof to my daughter Anna Winslow her heirs & assigns forever one seventh part thereof to my daughter Elizabeth Storer her heirs & assigns forever the remaining seventh part to my daughter Susanna her heirs and assigns forever But herein my will further is that in the division afores^d my said children shall respectively account for the sums to them advanced and those sums shall be accounted as parts of their shares. And to prevent all doubts touching the sums so advanced I hereby declare they are to be estimated in this manner My son Joshua hath received the sum of One hundred & fifty pounds My son Edward hath

received the sum of one hundred & fifty pounds My sons Henry & George have had no advancement, and my will is that the two hundred pounds severally bequeathed herein before to them be accounted and estimated in the division as the advancements to the others My daughter Anna Winslow hath received the sum of one hundred pounds. My daughter Elizabeth Storer hath received the sum of one hundred & fifty pounds My daughter Susanna hath had no advancement and is in the division afores^d to account only for the sum herein before bequeathed to her

In witness of all which I hereto set my hand & seal this Sixteenth day of April in the second year of his Majesty's reign Annoq. Domini 1762

Signed sealed published & declared by the said Joseph Green to be his last will in our presence who in his presence subscribe the same as witnesses

JOSEPH GREEN [Seal]

THOMAS JOHNSTON
DAVID JEFFRIES
SAMUEL PH SAVAGE

Suffolk ss. The aforewritten will being presented for Probate by Anna Green the Executrix therein named. Thomas Johnston David Jeffries & Samuel Philips Savage made oath that they saw Joseph Green Esq^r the subscriber to this Instrument sign the same, and also heard him publish and declare it to be his last Will and Testament, and that when he so did he was of sound disposing mind and memory according to these deponents best discerning, and that they set to their hands as Witnesses thereof in the said Testators presence.

T HUTCHINSON Jud: Prob^t

BOSTON July 9th 1765.

The will cited above is in the Suffolk County Probate Office, No. 13,652.

VI.

The following extracts are taken from letters written to Joseph Green, while at Paramaribo. They contain so much family gossip that they are given here. The spelling, punctuation, &c., have been changed to conform mostly to modern usage:—

*Extract from a letter of George Green, dated Boston,
July 23, 1770.*

Frank Green was married to Sukey in October last, & they live the next house to M^{rs} Storer's, who is, & has been, for a year past, in a very ill state of health; I mean M^{rs} Storer.

I took to myself a wife, about the same time, of the daughters of *Brookline*, of the tribe of *Aspinwall*, a virtuous, innocent, beautiful young creature, who it seems could not do without me; and we have one fine son. Josh^a has only one son, & is got back again into old M^r Dering's house.

M^r Winslow & wife still remain at Cumberland, have one son & one daughter, the last now at Boston for schooling &c.

Poor Harry has been very unfortunate. Nothing has gone well with him, since he forsook S^t John's, where I believe he made something handsome, — most of wch he lost by large bad debts with the Indians, & the rest lately at Halifax by the failure of 2 houses there who had his effects; & last Winter in going from Halifax to Cumberland was cast away & had a very narrow chance for his life, — travelled thro' the woods 3 or 4 days, up to his middle in snow, got terribly froze & was almost given up by his Doctors at Annapolis, where he first arrived, — and has come off with the loss of all his toes wch were cut off from his feet; & he writes me that he has not a shill^g in his pocket. I have help'd him to the utmost of my ability & wish I cou'd do more; but he is largely in debt both here & at Nova Scotia. He owes the late Josh^a Winslow Esq^r estate (on Dock Square who is dead) near £100, L. M^{rs}, & they have attached all his interest in his father's estate.

Ned still lives gentlemanlike, at Southwack's Court, without doing any business, — tho' obliged to haul in his horns.

George Green writes under date of "Boston, Dec^r 5th, 1770. The day before Thanksgiving," that, —

My mother has let out the house to one Doctor Warren, & boards with him, as she did not choose to move out of a place she has been so long us'd to. She reserves to herself the 2 front chambers & keeps her maid & negro man; is very infirm, often speaks of you with great tenderness & affection, & wishes to see you. I think she is settled now, in the best manner she cou'd have been, if any alteration was made in y^e manner of her living, & some alteration seem'd really necessary, upon several accounts.

Josh^a lives where, & as he us'd to, as mentioned in my last.

M^r: W[inslow] & wife are still at Cumberland. I hear they're coming to Boston next summer.

Henry is now in Boston, out of all business; but was not froze so bad as we at first heard, tho' bad eno', poor fellow. He came off with the loss of the outer joint of each toe on one foot wch the Doctors at Annapolis cut off, is very well in health & walks surprisingly well consider^e what has happened.

Sukey & Frank the last month have produced a son.

My child we buried last August. I keep my shop, w'ch is the largest & best situated in town, where I us'd to, at the corner of Williams's Court, where Capt. Forbes us'd to keep, & I live near & handy to it.

Ned, after having shown off as long as he cou'd with his yel^d damask window curtains &c is (the last month) retired into the country & lives wth his wife at Parson Storer's at Watertown. How long that will hold, I can't say. Mrs. Storer is got well again.

Y^e Uncle Green & wife have broke up housekeep^e, & board with their son Ben^a at Halifax, who married one Sukey Winman, a brewer's daughter there, & has one or two children.

Ben^a is Province Treasurer & his father is King's Treasurer, tho' the former does all the business, & clears sufficient with y^e help of his farm to maintain him handsomely.

Frank keeps a ship going between here & London, but, I believe, understands but little of the matter, having never been bred to business, wch was one great objection with my Father to his courting Sukey.

Your mother is wholly confined, is so lame she can't walk the room without help, & is much troubled with the asthma & a constant thirst, under wch she makes great use of your tamarinds wch have been very serviceable to her. I give you these particulars because I think that were I in y^r situation, I should be glad to know them myself. Hope they will be acceptable.

As to public affairs, they are no better than when I wrote you last. Almost all Europe are at war or will be, tis tho't, very soon. You heard of the Butchery of some of our citizens, no doubt, by y^e soldiers in March last. The officer, who commanded the party that fired, was clear'd by a jury after a tedious trial last month, & this day the soldiers (8 in number) were clear'd also, notwith^t it is said, the fullest evidence against them. Thus are things managed nowadays. Jn^o Lane of London is now here. Old Gill Phillips died last month, & Lucy Gibbons last summer. Aunt Nat. Pierce is mar^d to M^r Hubbard of Portsmouth; & Nancy Pierce to Capt Tho^s Martin; & to sum up all, the Rev^d M^r Whitefield died at Newbury, y^e 30th Sep^r last, a death as universally lamented I believe as ever any one's was.

Joshua Green writes from Boston, Nov. 1, 1773, —

As to our present situation, G[eorge] is not yet return'd from England. H[enry] is in the country for his health. M^r Winslow has remov'd his family from N. Scotia to N. England, & now lives at Marshfield. Your niece, Miss Storer, is near being married to M^r Atkinson, a gentleman from England of an amiable character, in an extensive trade here; in partnership with M^r Rich^d Smith, who married M^r Vassall's daughter.

Extract from a letter of Joshua Green, written in December, 1773, though not dated: —

We had a few days since an account of the death of your uncle, the Hon^l Daniel Peirce, Esq. at Portsm^o, but have not heard any particulars ab^t it. So that of all your uncles & aunts, the only surviving one is your aunt Green at Halifax. Your uncle Doctor's (as we us'd to say) widow is living, & your uncle Nath^l's widow that was, is now married to the Hon^l Leverett Hubbard, Esq^r one of y^e Judges of y^e Sup. Court in y^e Province of New Hampshire.

Your bro. Harry remains in y^e country yet for his health, which is much better.

Your bro. Geo. is not yet returned from England, and does not intend to, I understand, till he has obtain'd some thing worth his while, he says, — some post under governm^t. He has been try^g for y^e secretary's place at New Hampshire, & which from what I hear, he has some prospect of getting. You may possibly be desirous to know how or by what means, & therefore shall tell you all I know, & which is neither more nor less this, & that is on account of his name, as you may remember who he was named after or for, and whose friends being persons of interest or influence, if not in government are disposed to shew favor in this respect for his sake. It is not as yet done, & how it will be I can't say, but it is expected it will be, by those who have last arrived here."

VII.

ABIGAIL ADAMS AND HANNAH GREEN.

IN the following letters the signature of Miss Smith, afterwards Mrs. Adams, was "Diana," and that of Miss Storer, afterwards Mrs. Green, was "Calliope." They allude to Mr. Adams as "Lysander," and to Mr. Green as "Ardelio." The spelling, punctuation, and capitalization have been made to conform mostly to modern usage.

An edition of Mrs. Adams's letters has recently been published under the title of "Familiar Letters of John Adams and his wife Abigail Adams, during the Revolution." It is edited by her grandson, Charles Francis Adams, who states in the introductory memoir, that:

"Perhaps the most remarkable thing about them is the evident influence upon the writers which the study of 'The Spectator' and of the poets appears to have had. This is perceptible in the more important train of thought and structure of language, as well as in the lesser trifles of the taste for quotation and for fictitious signatures. Calliope and Myra, Aspasia and Aurelia, have effectually succeeded in disguising their true

names from the eyes of younger generations. The signature of Miss Smith appears to have been *Diana*, a name which she dropped after her marriage, without losing the fancy that prompted its selection." Page xiii.

These letters show who Calliope was, and also that Mrs. Adams did not always drop the name of Diana even after her marriage.

"The sweet remembrance of the just
Shall flourish when he sleeps in dust."

WEYMOUTH, May the 25, 1761.

MY EVER DEAR, DEAR CALLIOPE,—Alas! my Friend, what shall I say to you? How shall I be able to console you, who am myself so deeply affected that I need the consolation of a friend. No sooner had the melancholy tidings of your dear father's death reached my ears, than methought I felt all the anguish which must naturally possess your tender bosom, at the loss of so dear a parent.

I sympathise with you, I feel your affliction, but O nature! thou must not be conqueror.

The death of your father, I know affects you in a peculiar manner; it touches you in a tender part; endeavour my friend to bear it with a Christian fortitude, & let me entreat you to consider that affliction springs not out of the dust. You have no occasion to mourn for him, as they who mourn without hope. You have no reason to think but that he is everlastingly happy; & that your loss is his gain. Do not mourn, for he has left a world full of trouble, for a world of endless happiness,—gone to reap the reward of his virtues,—virtues which gained him the love & esteem of this lower world, & an everlasting crown of glory in the world above.

Your breach, 'tis true, is wide as the sea, & the remembrance of the virtues & excellence of your late honour'd & worthy parent may much contribute to the aggravation of your sorrow & mourning. As he was so worthy to live, so his removal must be the heavier bereavement! But then in the remembrance of his goodness there is & must be, a mournful pleasure. "His every year was replete with good works, & while others cou'd here & there boast a shining action like a scattered star in the vast expanse of Heaven, his life, like the milky way, was one continued universal glow." Tho' death has destroyed his clayey

tabernacle yet it cannot destroy the buds of his virtues. These are transplanted to the paradise of God, there to grow, spread & flourish with unwithering & ever-blooming verdure.

Endeavour to say with Job, the Lord gave & the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord. What! shall we receive good at the hand of God & shall we not receive evil? The death of your parent is a loud call unto all his friend & relatives. Be ye also ready is the warning. May we hear the rod & him that hath appointed it. Farewell, my friend, I can say no more. I'm indispos'd & dare not write long. I commit you to the care & protection of that Being with whom the fatherless find mercy.

& conclude your sorrowful,
sympathizing, sincere
Friend DIANA.

P.S. Duty to mamma, entreat her not to be much affected; for He that hath wounded can heal, & has in a peculiar manner promised to be a father of the fatherless, & the God of the widow.

The following letter is written on the same sheet:—

MY DEAR LOVE, Having a leisure moment, I again catch up my pen, & entreat you to be compos'd, to be dumb & silent, & not open your mouth, for the Lord hath done it. May we be still, & know that he is God;—that He never afflicts willingly, nor grieves the children of men, & altho they are in heaviness for a season, the clouds & darkness, as to us, are about Him, yet may we rest assur'd that justice & righteous judgment are the habitation of His throne. Come & let us return unto the Lord, for He hath torn & He will heal us. He hath smitten, & He will bind us up. Let us fly then for refuge to the hope set before us, which hope will be as an anchor, sure & steadfast, & will secure in that tempestuous season, which will tear soul & body in sunder.

Adieu! my sincere love & respect attend all my afflicted friends. That what I have wrote may be some consolation to you, & that you be supported under your affliction is the

sincere & hearty prayer of
your ever constant

DIANA.

[Addressed] To

Miss HANNAH STORER,

at

Boston.

FRIDAY, 10 o'clock.

My DEAR DIANA, — My inclinations, tho' not my expectations were very much disappointed in not sending you a long letter the last time I wrote; however I must still beg your patience & I will pay you all, the very first minute I can. Patience, my dear, I recommend to you, upon more accounts than one, for if you do not have patience with me, I shall never pay you, neither can you have any rest without it.

I have the honor of sending this by Lysander, who I hope will convey a great deal of comfort to my Diana in her lonely condition. I fancy you feel of great importance *now*. Lysander is a sad, unkind gentleman, for he has never been to see me, tho' you promised he should, but I'll forgive him, if he'll be better for the future.

Breakfast waits, Adieu,

Ardelio's love.

Your CALLIOPE.

[Addressed] To

Miss NABBY SMITH,
Weymouth.

BOSTON, February 20th, 1764.

SIR, — I think myself greatly indebted to you, for the honor you do my judgment, in referring so important a debate to my decision; & I ought, in strict justice, to apologize for my not answering it before, however I trust to your candor to excuse the seeming neglect, I say seeming, for I have not been unmindful of you, but have well consider'd the thing, & shall give you my thoughts upon the matter with freedom. But before I proceed to answer the grand point in debate, allow me to ask a question, viz. Why April is excluded. Is it because you neither of you condescend? if so, you are neither of you fit subjects for matrimony in my opinion, & will not have my vote in the matter; aye, Lysander, you may stare if you please, thinking, I suppose, that you have apply'd to the wrong person; however, there is no drawing back now; & if this is the reason, you may depend upon it I shall not shew favor to either of you; but leave you to marry when you can agree, & to enjoy your blessed prerogative when you can, in love, determine whose right it is — but as I look upon you both as reasonable beings, I cannot fairly suppose

the want of condescension to be the reason; therefore I shall answer you without further delay. Well then, to be honest, (& honesty you love, I know, because it saved you once, when you was tried for a crime which richly deserved a noose) I do not at all approve of March, 'tis too *blustering* a month for matrimony, neither do I think it necessary you should stay till May, but I would have you take the medium, for April is a very salutary month for the purpose, for then

“From southern climes the cheerful sun returns
And the late frozen North then gently warms;
His subtile penetration op’rates so,
He does but look on flowers & plants, they grow;
His loving beams sweetly salute the spring,
And dart their Virtue into every thing.”

therefore April is the month I pitch upon. You may be sure & I dare say you will find it far preferable to March, & tho’ by it you remain a miserable bachelor one month longer, yet I hope it will be made up in years of matrimonial happiness.

Tell Diana, that I’m set upon April, & that it will be the height of impropriety in her, to set up her will (in this case especially) in opposition to *yours & mine*, for I’m sure you’ll join with me now you know what wonderful effects the April sun has; however a word to the wise is sufficient, therefore I bid you, Adieu, with assuring you that

I am your friend & well-wisher,

CALLIOPE.

P.S. No slacks to be got; the history of a letter (which waited a fortnight for your Lordship to convey to Diana) I will give her, the first opportunity, but the messenger waits now. So once more Adieu,

[Addressed] To
Mr. JOHN ADAMS,
In
Braintree.

BOSTON, Octo^r. 5th, 1774.

MY DEAR FRIEND,—I have only time to say that an unavoidable accident deprives me of the pleasure of accepting your

obliging invitation for to-morrow, but will endeavour to come on Friday if the weather permits; if not, the first fair day in the week after next. Wishing you health & happiness concludes me

Your friend, &c.

HANNAH GREEN.

[Addressed] To

Mrs. ABIGAIL ADAMS,
Braintree.

DEAR MRS. GREEN,— I inclose to you my son's letters, which you will be so kind as to return safe to me again, as they are very valuable to me. For a lad of sixteen they do credit to him. This you, who are a parent will permit me to say to you, nor charge upon me more than a maternal partiality on the observation.

Mr Green spoke to me yesterday upon an affair in which Mr. Adams, he says, was formerly engaged. I did not fully comprehend what he wanted. If you will be kind enough to desire him to state in writing what he wishes to have done, I will endeavour that he shall have all the intelligence in my power to give him.

Accept the inclosed as a small token of our ancient friendship, and be assured I shall in all countries & climates which the vicissitudes of fortune may place me in, always remember with pleasure and affection the early & lasting friendship of Calliope for

her DIANA.

Feb'ry 28, 1784.

[Addressed] To

Mrs. HANNAH GREEN,
Boston.

QUINCY, Feb'ry 20th, 1810.

MY DEAR FRIEND,— I know not the date of your last letter to me, but this I know, that it is not so ancient as the date of our friendship. That commenced with our first knowledge of each other, "grew with our growth and strengthened with our strength." It has continued undiminished through all the various

vicissitudes of life, which have checkered our progress, from the juvenile days of Calliope and Diana, to the present advanced period of our lives, when each of us looking back upon the past, have reason to say thus far the Lord hath helped us; and it is of his mercy, that we are yet amongst the living, whilst nearly all of our early acquaintance and connection are numbered with the great congregation. Our fathers and our mothers, where are they? With the spirits of the just made perfect, I trust, anticipating our arrival at no distant period.

“Of Age the Glory is to wish to die;
That wish is praise and promise; it applauds
Past life, and promises our future bliss.”

“Peace and esteem is all that age can have.”

I read a circular letter from you, my much valued friend, last week in Boston, which was fraught with that piety, benevolence, and gratitude which have shone so conspicuous in your life,—in trouble and in joy. You have abundant cause of thankfulness that your mental powers are so vigorous and animated. May they be continued a blessing to you, so long as the vital spark animates the clay, and continue to minister to the gratification of your friends.

I have some time had it in contemplation to write to you. I often inquire concerning you, and as our lamp of life is nearly burnt out, I feel a sympathy drawing me nearer and nearer to those dear surviving friends, who began the race with me, and who are yet upon the ground. Every year lessens the number, and who, as Mr. Pope says, would wish to stand the last surviving column of the whole fabric of friendship?

I know you will receive pleasure from hearing of the health and happiness of our old friends. My dear sister Cranch, who still retains her usefulness, filling up every hour with some beneficial occupation, her spirits are lively and her faculties vigorous. Infirmities of age assail her, as well as your friend, and we are ready to say, we would not live alway, if we could. Judge Cranch now arrived to his 83^d year, is a wonderful man for his age. He reads much, writes as correctly as ever he did, and with as steady a hand, takes much family care and labour upon him,—is the attentive and polite gentleman through all periods. What a blessing such a green old age! no petulance, no murmuring but willing to live, and not afraid to die.

I have around me a young group, who, as Goldsmith says, come tittering on, tho' not disposed to push me off the stage ; yet ready to supply my place. I have five grandchildren, who live with me, from thirteen years to six months, — two daughters left by my son Charles and three children of Thomas's with himself and wife, and the widow of Charles.

You will not suppose that I am lonely, or am like to stagnate through want of care and occupation. My good father used to say, I had rather wear out, than rust out ; no man liveth for himself.

“ Life's cares are comforts ; such by heaven designed ;
He that has none, must make them, or be wretched
Cares are employments ; and without employ
The soul is on a rack ; the rack of rest ; ”

My son, J. Q. Adams, left with us his two oldest children, fine boys ; they live at their uncle Cranchs, and are with me on Sundays. I think I could not have sustained the separation from so dear and valued a son, if he had not left me a part of himself to foster and cherish in his absence. I have often, you know, been called to most painful privations and separations from those most dear to me, in dangerous and perilous times. They have been preserved and restored to me. I was then in the meridian of my days, and the hope of meeting again buoy'd up my spirits, but in this separation from my son, and his family, how can I flatter myself that I shall live to see him again ? I commit him and his to the benign protection of an overruling providence, whether the blessing be bestowed or not, let Thy will be done.

May I flatter myself with receiving a few lines from you. You may address them by post under cover to my husband ; they will come safe to your truly affectionate

friend,

ABIGAIL ADAMS.

[Addressed to]

Mrs. HANNAH GREEN,
Wendell.

VIII.

JOSHUA GREEN.

The following bill of sale, made by Joshua Green to Dr. Joseph Warren, of a negro, explains itself, and is of interest in these centennial times. It is in Dr. Warren's handwriting : —

BOSTON June 28th 1770.

I the Subscriber having this day purchas'd a Negro Boy of Joshua Green have made the follow^g conditions with him viz^t That I will add Ten Pounds of Lawfull Money to be paid in Potter's Ware manufactur'd in this Town in three years to the Thirty pounds first agreed for if in 3 Months from this date I shall think the negro worth the money & if I do not think him worth the additional ten pounds I will reconvey him to s^d Green he return^e the two Notes I gave him for the negro, one for 17[£] & the other for 13[£], both of them bearing date herewith.

JOSEPH WARREN

The following endorsement on the bill is in Mr. Green's handwriting : —

It is also further agreed that in case of my decease that the within mention'd negro shall become the property of said Green, he deliver^e up my two Notes.

JOSEPH WARREN

In the autumn of 1770, Dr. Warren rented the house that had been occupied in Hanover Street by Joseph Green's widow, who kept the two front chambers for her own use. At this time she was very feeble and she lived only ten weeks after the new arrangement was made. In the account rendered by Joshua Green as executor of Joseph Green's estate are these entries : —

1771

- Dec. 31. By Cash rec^d of D^r Warren for one years rent
of the Mansion House end^d 20th Oct^r past } 40-0-0
- By ditto rec^d of Ditto for Sundry furniture left
under his Care in the Mansion House last Jan^r
& now taken to his own Acc^t deduct^d a lolling } 42-8-0
chair belong^g to the Estate of A. G. dec^d
- Dec. 31 To ditto p^d D^r Warren his Bill for the late Ex-
ecutrix's Board, for Medicines & for expences } 15-2-10
in Glazing the House

In the account rendered by him as administrator of Anna Green's estate occur these items : —

1771

- Jan^r To Cash p^d for sundry Expences viz^t for Candles }
Tobacco, Pipes, Paper, Wax, & for cleaning } £1 .. 6 .. 0
Streets [probably of snow] for the funeral. }
- 1772 By ditto rec^d of Doct^r Warren for a lolling chair 3 .. 12 .. —

In common with other merchants, Joshua Green suffered losses during the occupation of Boston by the British troops. The following certificate gives, from an official source, the amount of such damages : —

BOSTON April 27. 1785.

These Certify whom it may concern, that by the Report of the Committee, appointed by the Town of Boston at a legal Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants Novem^r 21, 1776 for Collecting an Account of the Damages sustaind by the British Troops, since the Boston Port Bill took place; and also by the Return of said Committee, to the Selectmen of said Town, It appears that, M^r Joshua Green of Boston Merch^t has sustained a Loss to the amount of three thousand five hundred thirty three Pounds six Shillings & eight Pence

£3533 .. 6-8^d

WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk

[From the "Centennial Graphic," New York, June, 1875.]

DIARIES OF JOSHUA GREEN, AND JOSHUA GREEN, JR.

Contemporaneous manuscripts relating, however remotely, to any important event which transpired a century ago cannot fail to possess an interest in the mind of the antiquarian. The history of the inception and rise of the American Revolution has been fully written, and a correct estimate may be placed upon the motives which animated the hearts of patriots of those days from the voluminous epistolary evidence furnished by themselves, as well as from the record of their public acts. We present in another place fac-similes of two diaries kept by father and son at the time of the breaking out of the Revolution. Together with the record of unimportant events, some of the stirring incidents of the times are chronicled briefly. The exciting scenes attending the delivery of Joseph Warren's 6th of March [the 5th came on Sunday] oration at the Old South Church, the Battle of Lexington, and the Battle of Bunker Hill are thus referred to. These diaries were written in two interleaved almanacs by Joshua Green, and Joshua Green, Jr. Joshua Green, the elder, was well known in Boston. He was in business with the son of his father's partner, and took an active and prominent part in the public affairs of those days. In 1761 the firm had a store at the north corner of Queen Street, near the Town House. He owned the house in Hanover Street occupied at the breaking out of the Revolution and for several years previous by Joseph Warren. [This is a mistake; it was his father, Joseph, that owned the house.] Mr. Green lived in Court Street until a few years before his death, when he removed to Wendell, Mass., where his son then resided, and where he died July 25, 1806. Joshua Green, Jr., was born October 5, 1764, graduated at Harvard in 1784, and afterwards became a judge of one of the courts. He resided in Wendell, and that town owed much of its prosperity to his intelligence and enterprise. He was one of the most useful and influential men in that section of the State. His mother was an intimate friend of the wife of the elder Adams, and many letters which passed between them have been preserved. The younger Green was a lad ten or eleven years old at the time the events noted in the diaries occurred. Some of the entries in the boy's almanac appear to have been made in the handwriting of the father, who

was evidently desirous of impressing upon his young mind the significance of the events of the time. The lad attended the Latin school, and the "H. G. O." referred to is Harrison Gray Otis, who was a schoolmate.

The diaries are in the possession of a grandson of Joshua Green, the younger, Dr. Samuel A. Green, City Physician of Boston, who has kindly permitted us to copy them.

IX.

[From the "Boston Recorder," Dec. 22, 1821.]

OBITUARY.

Died, suddenly, at Wendell, Mass., on the 4th inst., Mrs. MARY GREEN, consort of the Hon. Joshua Green, in the 54th year of her age. Her dismissal from this vale of tears will be deeply and extensively and long deplored. A tribute of respect is due to her personal worth and moral excellence.

She was a native of Westfield, and a member of a highly respectable family of the name of Mosley. From early life, the union of dignity and affability in her manners rendered her both interesting and amiable. Her intellectual powers, naturally good, were expanded and invigorated by more than an ordinary degree of cultivation. Her memory is precious, in the filial, conjugal, and parental relations. Her peculiar excellencies as a child, a sister, a wife, and a mother, can be duly appreciated by her relatives only. As a neighbor and a friend, she stood unrivalled among her acquaintance. Possessing as she did a constellation of domestic and social virtues, her Christian character has still higher attractions.

She was strongly attached to the means of grace, and the institutions of religion. The word of God was her study by day and her meditation by night. She accredited and loved those doctrines of the Scriptures which are most humbling and offensive to the natural pride and self-righteousness of human hearts. Evidence exists that her closet devotions though secret were regular and fervent. It was manifest that she esteemed the Sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord and honourable. Her love for the sanctuary was exhibited by a constant attendance in it when not necessarily prevented. The ambassadors of Christ she esteemed highly in love for their works' sake. She honoured Christ in the

persons of her ministers, not only by cheerfully contributing an equal proportion to their honourable maintenance, but by frequent and valuable presents, and by repressing in others the manifestation of different feelings. The preached Gospel and its sealing ordinances were food for her own soul, and she ardently desired that others might enjoy and relish this spiritual provision.

She was an advocate and a patron of religious charities. She was pained at the exhibitions of supreme selfishness and unfeeling disregard for the spiritual necessities of souls sitting in moral darkness, on whom the light of the Gospel never shone. She manifested a living interest in the efforts of the day for the extension of the Redeemer's kingdom in the world, and was animated in view of the distinguishing success with which God has crowned them. For these objects she was ready to pray and contribute, and to provoke others to love and good works.

The objection against giving for the relief of spiritual necessities at a distance, that it diminishes those charities to the poor around us which it is our duty to bestow, though often made, was by the conduct of the deceased entirely invalidated: for all who knew her, knew that she was distinguished for her charities to the poor. Their tears and anguish where they survived her, substantiate this testimony. And the dead have registered in heaven the reception of numberless kindnesses from her hands.

We have sketched some fruits of her religion, and the Saviour has decided, by its fruits shall its moral qualities be known. That principle which could produce all these fruits, must be considered as vital and experimental. Indeed, her hopes of pardon, sanctification, and justification before God, appeared to rest entirely on the atonement, righteousness, and grace of an Almighty Saviour. To him she was accustomed to commit her soul in well doing as unto a faithful Creator. Thus circumstanced, the sudden approach of death did not fill her with terrors. When the paralytic shock occasioned feelings which convinced her that her work on earth was done, she could unhesitatingly name the atonement of Christ as the foundation on which all her spiritual confidence and comfort rested. And she could, in an earnest, able, and fervent prayer commit and commend all her relatives and friends to God and to the Word of his grace. To the numerous circle of deeply afflicted friends she has left precious evidence that "for her to live was Christ, and to die was gain."

[From the "Boston Recorder," July 1, 1847.]

HON. JOSHUA GREEN.

IN the last "Recorder" was announced the death of the Hon. Joshua Green of Wendell, Mass. He died on the 16th ult., aged 82. The station and character of the deceased call for something more than a passing notice. Commemorating the virtues of the dead, causes them in a sense, to live again. A life like Mr. Green's should thus be prolonged.

He was born in Boston, Oct. 5th, 1764. The influence of a discreet and godly mother was evinced in the correct deportment of the virtuous son. At the commencement of the Revolutionary war, the parents of the deceased removed from Boston to Westfield, Mass. Here he pursued his studies preparatory to entering college. In 1780 he entered college at Cambridge, and graduated with honor in 1784. In 1784, he removed from Boston and fixed his residence in Wendell. From that period, his history is most intimately connected with the history of the town. As a Justice of the Peace, he transacted most of the legal business, and his influence in securing order and harmony in town was efficient and salutary. For thirty-six years in succession, he was chosen one of the board of Selectmen, and for more than twenty years, with one exception for a single year, he was the only representative to the State Legislature, sent from Wendell. As a member of the County Court of Sessions, and also of the State Senate, Mr. Green was extensively known and highly respected. But he sought not distinction. In the freshness of early manhood, with a mind fitted by nature and cultivation for a high station in society, and with bright prospects before him, he voluntarily took up his residence in a small country town, at that time in its infancy. The secret is explained in the sentiment which he has often expressed: "I would rather be useful than great." His whole life has furnished beautiful proof that he was sincere in uttering the sentiment. Upon his fidelity in discharging the duties of office, and upon the high respect in which he was held by his townsmen, the town Records are a striking commentary. Those Records show that he was most usually elected by a unani-

mous vote, or unanimous with the exception of a *single vote*. As a citizen, he was characterized by a generous public spirit and strict integrity. As a neighbor, by urbanity of manners and kindness of heart. As a friend, by fidelity and constancy. But as a Christian we love rather to contemplate his character. He made a profession of religion in early life. For nearly thirty years, he was a deacon in the Congregational Church in Wendell. He *honored* his profession and office by his life. Mr. Green loved the sanctuary, and evinced that love by a constant attendance upon its worship, and by efficient aid in supporting it. The various causes of benevolence ever enlisted his sympathy. Within a few years he had constituted himself an honorary member of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions. He was distinguished for his private charities. The needy never went empty away. For the last few years he had been disabled for the active duties of life, yet he still took a deep interest in passing events. Few men were more familiar with the political and religious news of the day. But the Bible was his choicest study. Often has the writer, during the past winter and spring, found him with the Bible open before him. Its consolations cheered his declining years, and enabled him to look forward with composure and peace to his approaching dissolution. In his last hours he could give no account of his feelings. None was needed. His life had furnished better evidence of his Christian character than any death-bed exercises could do. He now rests from his labors. And to him we may apply the language, Thou hast "come to thy grave in a full age, like as a shock of corn cometh in his season."

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